

In The Shelter

- I. Where have your thoughts been going this last month?
 - A. There are a lot of scary things happening...
 1. The virus is scary...
 2. How people are reacting to it are even scarier...
 - B. I remember a time far more terrifying. (Raising Teenagers)
October 1962 Cuba Missile Crisis
 2. New terms were flashed on the news (just like pandemic)
 - a. Nuclear winter, Nuclear fallout.
 - b. People started building bomb shelters.
 - c. Supermarket shelves were empty.
 3. The nation was put on alert and my grandfather who was the fire chief and Nuclear safety office at Ellsworth Airforce base, didn't come home for two weeks.
 4. It was the first time in my life I was so scared I didn't sleep very well... (7)
 - C. When my Grandpa did come home (we rented the apartment in their home...)
 1. I asked him if we were going to build a bomb shelter...
 2. He said no and then explained why... (What it would be like)
 - a. Then he said something I will never forget...
 - b. People who live in fear... Really don't live at all...
 - c. Do you believe in God and Jesus (Yes)
 3. What do I do every morning and night? (Pray and read your Bible)
 - a. I am training for the worst so I can be ready for the best.
 - b. You learn your Bible and say your prayers and you will understand someday.
 4. We prayed and I haven't missed a handful of nights sleep since.

II. In order to train for the worst so you can be ready for the best...

You need to live in the Shelter... (Not the Bomb shelter)

Psalms 27:5 (NIV)

For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter of his tabernacle and set me high upon a rock.

1. Shelter: (A secret place, a secure place)
2. Tent: (A tabernacle, the tent of meeting, 'Moses and Joshua')
3. These two words In Three other Verses

Psalms 31:20 (NIV)

In the shelter of your presence you hide them from the intrigues of men; in your dwelling you keep them safe from accusing tongues.

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Psalms 61:4 (NIV)

I long to dwell in your tent forever and take refuge in the shelter of your wings.

1. Wings covering, protection, army, pinnacle.

Psalms 91:1 (NIV)

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.

1. Shadow: (protection) God has an infinite shadow.

III. Your Focus will go where your thoughts are centered.

1. We all know we need to stay focused on God...
2. We also get distracted by the events going on around us...

A. Everyday we need to watch the media less...

And remember what my grandpa said.

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IV. Prayer